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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, YO, IT

SUBJECT: US VIEWS ON TRIESTE ISSUE

REF: BELGRADE 1495 AND STATE 066316

1. YOU MAY WISH TO TAKE EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO REPEAT AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN MFA ASSURANCES PROVIDED TO AMB. GRANFIL BY DEPARTMENT APRIL 2. YOU COULD NOTE THAT YUGOSLAV PRESS, ESPECIALLY APRIL 2 POLITIKA AND BORBA AS REPORTED BY TANJUG, APPEARS TO BE SERIOUSLY MISREPRESENTING US POSITION ON TRIESTE ISSUE TO YUGOSLAV PUBLIC. SUGGESTION THAT US IS PARTISAN WITH REGARD TO AN ISSUE WHICH WE CONTINUE TO SEE AS GOVERNED BY THE TERMS OF THE LONDON MEMORANDUM IS PUZZLING TO US, IN VIEW OF US POSITION THAT WE WILL "GIVE NO SUPPORT TO CLAIMS OF
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EITHER YUGOSLAVIA OR ITALY TO TERRITORY UNDER THE

SOVEREIGNTY OR ADMINISTRATION OF THE OTHER". (EMBASSY'S
APRIL 3 PRESS RELEASE MIGHT BE NOTED IN THIS CONNECTION).
INSISTENCE BY YUGOSLAV PRESS THAT US GOVERNMENT DELIBER-
ATELY ENGAGED IN SUPPORTING PRETENSIONS AGAINST YUGOSLAV
TERRITORY IS NOT HELPFUL TO ATMOSPHERE OF IMPROVED
COMMUNICATION AND UNDERSTANDING WHICH WE HAVE UNDERSTOOD
TO BE IN OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS.

2. SHOULD YOU BE QUERIED, YOU MAY CONFIRM THAT WE HAVE

MADE OUR POSITION KNOWN TO THE ITALIAN SIDE AS WELL.
(SEE SEPTEL ON APRIL 3 HARTMAN-ORTONA CONVERSATION)

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